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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's expected winter wheat production is 60.8 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage of winter wheat is expected to total 770,000 acres, 60,000 acres more than last year. Yield, as of July 1, is expected to be 79.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from last year. Producers with spring wheat are expected to harvest 600,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from 2010. Average yield is estimated at 76.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels less than 2010. Spring wheat production is forecast at 45.6 million bushels, a decrease of 5 percent from 2010. Barley production is forecast at 44.1 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year's 43.2 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 490,000 acres, is 20,000 acres more than last year. The expected yield of 90.0 bushels per acre is down 2 bushels from last year. Oat production is expected to be 1.14 million bushels, down 32 percent from last year. Oat yield for grain, at 76.0 bushels per acre, is down 8 bushels from last year. Acreage harvested for grain, at 15,000, is down 5,000 acres from last year. Dry edible peas planted acreage is estimated to be 20,000 acres, down 35 percent from last year. Planted acreage for lentils is expected to total 30,000 acres, down 45 percent from 2010. Austrian winter peas planted acreage, at 6,000 acres, decreased 45 percent from a year ago. Peach production, estimated at 8,500 tons, is up 15 percent from last year's 7,400 tons.

For the United States, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month and up slightly from 2010. The United States yield is forecast at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month but down 0.6 bushel from last year. Other spring wheat production is forecast at 551 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 41.7 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels below 2010. Barley production is forecast at 173 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. The average yield is forecast at 69.6 bushels per acre, down 3.5 bushels from last year's record high. Oat production is forecast at 56.6 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record, surpassing the previous record low set last year. The yield is forecast at 60.5 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from 2010. Planted acreage of dry edible peas is estimated at 416,000 acres, down 45 percent from last year. Planted acreage of lentils is estimated at 470,000 acres, down 29 percent from last season's record high acreage. Austrian winter pea planted acreage is estimated at 19,000 acres, down 39 percent from a year ago. The 2011 peach crop is forecast at 1.13 million tons, down 2 percent from 2010.